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SUBJECT: SIG on the Transfer of Strategic Technology

Attached is a Chairman's Note with Interim Progress
Reports on SIG-tasked projects.

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Attachments:

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1. Chairman's Note
2. Visa Controls Question
3. Strengthening COCOM
4. Extradition Review
5. Intelligence Studies

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

There will be no October meeting of the SIG. The next meeting can be expected in mid-November.

The November agenda has not been finalized, but will probably include an EDAC report on progress at the COCOM List Review, an NSA presentation on Soviet penetration of Western data bases, and a Commerce report on the Technical Data Task Force.

Please remember that the agenda is open to all members at all times and has to date contained issues submitted by five agencies. If you wish to propose agenda matters, please contact me or my staff at any time.

Enclosed are progress reports on four SIG projects: Visa Controls, Strengthening COCOM, Extradition Treaty Review, and Intelligence Studies. As the Japan study is on the verge of completion, I have appointed a State follow-up officer for policy recommendations and implementation based on the report.

Due to the urgency of the issue, I have asked the Committee on Special Projects to seek expeditious policy resolution to the question of what position the U.S. Government should take on the worldwide proliferation of digital switching technology.

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INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT

Visa Controls Question

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The August SIG tasked the Committee on Special Projects to prepare a comprehensive options paper on the question:

Should the U.S. Government adopt a policy of denying or restricting visas or entry to aliens on the grounds that their visit would result in the loss of strategic technology contrary to U.S. national interests?

The visa controls drafting unit has found that Sections 212a27, 212a28, 212a29, 212F, and 215 of the Immigration and Nationality Act could be used for denials on technology transfer grounds. Section 221g INA is a denial basis on procedural grounds which sometimes affects such cases.

The unit has located three restriction options: 1) voluntary agreement with U.S. host, 2) program modification when government funds involved, and 3) conditional waivers to Communist Party denials under 212a28 INA. The first two are current practice except that they have not been seen to be backed up with the possibility of visa denials. The third option is entirely new and presents a considerable latitude of government discretion in restricting access to controlled technology.

The drafting unit is currently preparing a discussion paper covering its findings. Its purpose is to stimulate working-level interagency discussion of the costs and benefits of a change of visa policy and the advantages and disadvantages of particular courses of action. The results of these discussions will be incorporated into the first draft of the options paper presented through Special Projects to the SIG.

Your agency's SIG principal will shortly be asked to nominate one or a small number of working-level officers to represent your agency in these discussions.

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Strengthening the COCOM Secretariat and
the U.S. COCOM Delegation

October 26, 1982

The following measures to upgrade the COCOM Secretariat and the U.S. delegation facilities have been taken or are under study.

U.S. Delegation

1. Refurbished Quarters. A five-room delegation area has been prepared in the building housing COCOM.
2. Secure Telephone. This line linking the delegation with State, DOC, DOD, and DOE opens November 5.
3. Secure Teletype. The State Communications Office is setting this facility up between the delegation and the Pentagon.
4. Word Processors. Because of a secure maintenance problem, State attempting to obtain a regular word processor for unclassified only.
5. Express Courier Service. State is now discussing overnight commercial courier service between the delegation and the case-processing agencies for the transmission of exception requests.

COCOM Secretariat

1. New Facilities for COCOM. State is exploring the prospects of getting substantially better quarters for COCOM in another embassy annex, which may be available in 1983.
2. Simultaneous Interpretation Equipment. State is considering how this could be acquired by COCOM.
3. Additional Notetakers and Translators. More are needed for special meetings, but available office space will be a controlling factor.
4. Word Processors. The secure maintenance problem exists here too, but State is looking into ways to use these items for exceptions requests based only on commercial confidentiality.
5. Reproduction Equipment. This has been substantially upgraded, but new photocopy equipment may be necessary.

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Review of Extradition Treaties

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The review of 32 technology transfer risk country extradition treaties has now been completed. No other treaties will be reviewed except by special request.

Review Results

Our treaties have been found deficient in covering export control violations with 11 countries: United Kingdom, Canada, Belgium, France, Austria, Liechtenstein, Yugoslavia, Algeria, Syria, Nicaragua, and Panama.

Our treaties have been found probably effective in export control matters vis-a-vis 11 other countries: Finland, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Israel, South Africa, Ghana, Mauritius, India, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

Our treaties clearly cover export violations with 6 countries: West Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, Japan, Mexico, and Norway.

Pending treaties when ratified will clearly cover export control violations with four other countries: Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, and the Philippines.

Renegotiation of Treaties

We began extradition renegotiation with a deficient-treaty country, Belgium, on October 25, 1982. This move was planned before the export control review began in August. In order to make the best of the available opportunity, the SIG Chairman directed the U.S. negotiating team to cover export control violations as a matter of priority in the new treaty.

The next phase of this project is to make country-by-country recommendations for correcting deficient treaties.

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SIG Intelligence Studies

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TTIC is scheduled to review and approve the Japan study on November 12. The TTIC Working Group drafting the study should finish about November 1.

The SIG Chairman has nominated Louis Warren of State as policy action officer to follow up the study with an implementation plan.

The second European country study has begun slowly due to alternative work assignments of essential personnel. The initial objective is to provide the SIG with an overview of what is now known about technology losses from and through that country. No request for field reporting will be made at this time. The working group should complete its draft in early December. TTIC will review and approve the document in December and the SIG will receive it in January.

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